

Our most common New York State evergreen tree with pale green needles in groups of 5. Cones resinous, about 4-6 inches long. Its soft wood is harvested for building material.



## Hemlock

Tsuga Canadensis

A native evergreen fond of cool ravines whose purplish bark was ravaged during the Civil War to tan leather for the North's boots. Needles are

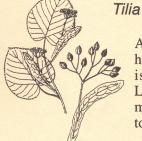
about 1/2 inch long, singly attached, dark green above and whitish below. The hemlock may be recognized by its bent growing tip.



Our straightest-growing tree that makes the best, most easily split firewood. It has opposite pinnately-compound leaves and a winged fruit called a samara. A favorite wood for baseball bats and other athletic equipment.







Also referred to as Linden, this hardwood tree has a soft wood that is preferred by woodcarvers. Leaves are subrotund with toothed margins. Fruit clusters are attached to a leaf-like bract.



Our only native maple with compound leaves having 3 to 5 leaflets. Tends to hold its winged fruits or samaras late

into the winter and is therefore a favorite tree for feeding winter



Known as soft maple, this silver-barked tree is the most widespread maple in New York. Its 3-5 lobed leaves are sharply toothed. It should not be confused with the Silver Maple ----Acer saccharinum which has very deeply lobed leaves and prefers river banks. Both have winged fruits called samaras.

### Sugar Maple

Acer saccharum

Known as hard maple, it is used for furniture and firewood while its sweet sap is condensed (40 to 1) for maple syrup. It has 3-5 lobed leaves with few teeth. The sugar maple has winged fruits and in the fall its foliage often turns fire-orange.



#### Poison Ivu

Rhus radicans



Recognized by its leaflets 3 - let it be. Has white fruits as does poison sumac which should not be confused with the common red-fruited shrub called staghorn sumac. Its aerial rootlets lack the suction-cup endings found in virginia creeper.

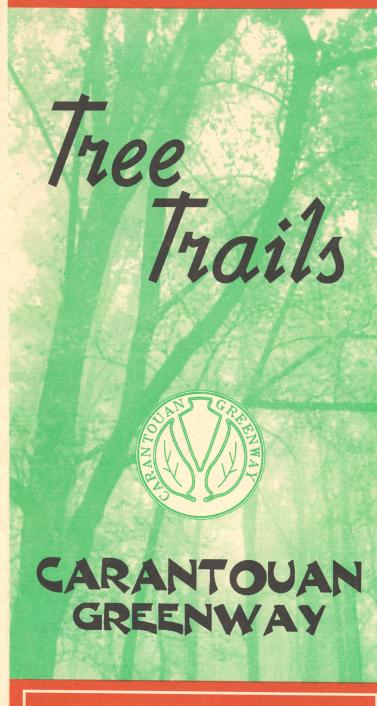
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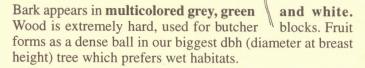
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Platanus occidentalis





# Red Oak Quercus rubra

The most commonly harvested oak used for flooring. Identified by its veins protruding beyond the margin of its leaves and the flat shiny plates on the bark. Fruit for all oaks are acorns actively sought out by deer and squirrels. Black Oak, Quercus velutina, has a darker bark but is otherwise very similar to red.



Produces the most **edible acorn**. Tree has a light-colored bark, with rounded deeply lobed pinnately-veined leaves.



### Hophornbeam or Ironwood Ostrya virginiana

An extremely hard-wooded understory tree. Light brown scaly bark unlike the other common Ironwood, *Carpinus caroliniana* also known as **Musclewood** which is a muscular-looking **understory tree**. Both produce wood formerly used to peg beams.







Easily identified by its **peeling bark**. Has the most edible hickory nut, unlike the **Pignut Hickory**, *Carya glabra*. Both possess **pinnately compound** leaves, usually with 5 leaflets. The terminal leaflet in shagbark is clearly its largest. Wood is quite hard with strong supple branches that make good bows and tool handles.



# Black Walnut Juglans nigra

An openly branched tree with a mocha-colored chambered pith. Produces a rounded husk-protected nut, unlike the football-shaped nut of the Butternut, Juglans cinerea.

**Black Walnut's** terminal leaflet of its compound leaf is often missing unlike the butternut which most often has a terminal leaflet as well as a deep chocolate-colored chambered pith.



Our large native willow with linearlanceolate stipulate leaves. Flowers

in linear form known as catkins forming silky parachutes for seed distribution.



### Quaking Aspen Populus tremuloides

An early successional small tree with **grey-greenish bark**. Broadly ovate leaves with a flattened petiole. **Cottonwood**, *Populus deltoides* is a very large tree with leaves that have an indented base at its attachment to its **flattened petiole**.

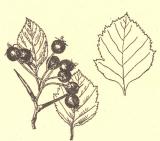








Deeply grooved bark protecting very hard **rot-resistant wood**. Oval leaflets on pinnately compound leaves. It is a member of the bean family having a pod fruit.





Many species with simple toothed leaves. Branches with serious **spines**, fruit clustered like tiny apples.





Finely serrate ovate leaves with an apple fruit. Member of the Rose family with many short branches called **spurs**.



### Black Cherry Prunus serotina

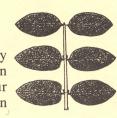
Produces a fine furniture wood. Most easily recognized by its **potato-chip bark**. Many birds pass the cherry pit through their digestive tracts.







This shrub has sweet smelling, creamy white to yellow flowers. This foreign transplant is a **dominant shrub** in our understory that produces red fruits eaten by songbirds.





# American Hackberry Celtis occidentalis

The gray smooth bark of this tree develops warts and ridges with age. The leaves are fuzzy with an uneven base.



#### Staghorn Sumac

Rhus typhina

The branches of this tree are covered with soft, downy hairs like the velvet of developing deer antlers. Its dense panicles of red fruits reach toward the sky and received

fruits reach toward the sky and readily identify this non-poisonous shrub.



### 6 Gray Birch Betula populifolia

This short-lived, **white-barked** early successional tree often grows in clusters and should not be confused with larger **singly** growing tree, the White or **Paper Birch**, *Betula papyrifera* of ski country.



This cylindrical evergreen has **awl-shaped needles** that are tightly attached. It produces a bluish berry-like "fruit" that is used in flavoring gin. Smell some crushed needles.

